

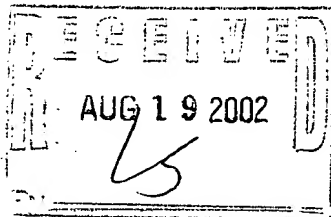


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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 15-23, 27-30, 32 and 34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12-14, 24-26, 31, 33 and 35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6, 7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 35 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claim 35 is recited to depend on the method of claim 22.

However, claim 22 is not a method claim. It is rather an apparatus claim. Furthermore, if the applicant intends to present claim 35 as a depend claim of 22, it is respectfully suggested to keep the same format shown in other dependent claims to correctly further limit the subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-11, 15-23, 27-30, 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nguyen (USP 5,383,118).

Regarding claim 1, Nguyen discloses an apparatus (Fig. 1) for aligning an optical component in an optical module, comprising:

a reference base (x-y-z table 13 and col. 1, ll. 61-63) having a registration feature configured to align with a registration feature of the optical module (col. 2, ll. 8-14);

a sensor (col. 2, ll. 64-67) configured to respond to an optical characteristic of the optical element, the optical characteristic varying with at least one degree of freedom relative to the

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registration feature of the optical module, and responsively provide sensor output (col. 3, ll. 3-7);
and

an optical component manipulator (15 in Fig. 1) configured to provide relative movement between the optical component and the registration features of the optical module (col. 3, ll. 44-67).

Regarding claim 2, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 1 stated above, including a controller (computer 16) configured to operate the optical component manipulator (15).

Regarding claim 3, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 2 stated above, where the controller (16) operates the optical component manipulator (15) in response to the sensor output (the outputs of machine vision cameras 17 and 19 are connected to the computer 16).

Regarding claim 4, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 3 stated above, where the controller (16) actuates the optical component manipulator to align the optical component with a reference (col. 3, ll. 61-67).

Regarding claim 5, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 4 stated above, where the reference is defined with respect to the reference base registration feature (x-y-z table 13)

Regarding claim 6, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 1 stated above, where the optical module includes a relative reference mount (26 in Fig. 4) which carries the registration feature and the controller (after alignment, the computer causes the x-y-z table to move in the z direction to bring the laser into sufficient proximity with the optical fiber that they

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can be bonded) is configured to actuate a bonding mechanism to bond the optical component to the relative reference mount.

Regarding claim 7, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 6 stated above, where the bonding mechanism comprises a heater element configured to melt solder (col. 4, ll. 13-16).

Regarding claim 8, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 7 stated above, where the heater element is carried on the relative reference mount (26 and col. 4, ll. 13-16).

Regarding claim 9, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 6 stated above, where the bonding mechanism comprises a radiation source configured to cure an adhesive material (col. 4, ll. 13-16).

Regarding claim 10, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 1 stated above, where the optical module include includes a relative reference mount (26) and the apparatus includes an optical component loading arm (stationary support 18) configured to place the optical component proximate with the relative reference mount (col. 4, ll. 8-11).

Regarding claim 11, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 10 stated above, in which the controller (16) controls operation of the optical component loading arm (18 by moving the x-y-z table and see col. 3 ll. 57-60).

Regarding claim 15, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 2 stated above, the controller is manually operated (computer 16 needs to be programmed manually in order to perform the alignment function).

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Regarding claim 16, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 1 stated above, where the sensor is configured to sense light which has interacted with or has been generated by the optical component (col. 3, ll. 26-29).

Regarding claim 17, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 16 stated above, where the sensor provides a fixed reference for aligning a plurality of optical components with respect to the registration feature of the reference base (col. 3, ll. 44-57).

Regarding claim 18, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 16 stated above, where the sensor comprises a reference optical component (23).

Regarding claim 19, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 1 stated above, where the sensor comprises electrical circuitry (the sensor is to generate machine-readable video signals which are in either forms of analog or digital signal) coupled to an electrical output (col. 3, ll. 3-6) from the optical component, the output related to light received by the optical component.

Regarding claim 20, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 1 stated above, including an initial alignment sensor (19) configured to sense initial alignment of the optical component and where the sensor (17) provides a fine alignment.

Regarding claim 21, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 20 stated above, where the initial alignment sensor (19) comprises a camera (machine vision camera 19).

Regarding claim 22, Nguyen discloses the apparatus as recited in rejected claim 21 stated above, where the initial alignment sensor (19) comprises a plurality of cameras (col. 2 ll. 68 thru col. 2, ll. 1-2).

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Method claim 23 is essentially the same in scope as apparatus claim 1 and is rejected similarly.

Method claim 27 is essentially the same in scope as apparatus claim 16 and is rejected similarly.

Method claim 28 is essentially the same in scope as apparatus claim 19 and is rejected similarly.

Method claim 29 is essentially the same in scope as apparatus claims 10 and 17 and is rejected similarly.

Regarding claim 30, Nguyen disclose the method for aligning an optical module as recited in rejected claim 23 stated above, including loading the optical component in a holder prior to aligning the optical component with the optical component reference (It is inherent that the optical fiber 12 gets loaded onto the stationary support prior to the aligning the optical component with the optical component reference).

Regarding claim 32, Nguyen disclose the method for aligning an optical module as recited in rejected claim 23 stated above, where aligning the optical component comprises scanning the optical component through a search pattern relative to the optical component reference (col.3, ll. 26-29 and ll. 35-38).

Regarding claim 34, Nguyen disclose the method for aligning an optical module as recited in rejected claim 23 stated above, where the optical component reference (23 in Fig. 3) is defined relative to the registration feature of the reference base (x-y-z table).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 12-14, 24-26, 31 and 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: none of the prior art of record teaches or fairly suggests the claimed apparatus and method for aligning an optical component comprising, among other things, an optical component manipulator including a vacuum head configured to selectively attach to the optical component.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ebata et al. (USP 4,854,667) disclose an apparatus and a method for aligning an optical fiber.

Yuhara et al. (USP 5,677,973) disclose a method of aligning an optical fiber to an optical fiber or an optical fiber to an optical element.

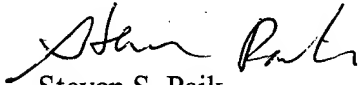
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven S. Paik whose telephone number is 703-308-6190. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (7:00am-3:30pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 703-305-3503. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-7722 for regular communications and 703-308-7722 for After Final communications.

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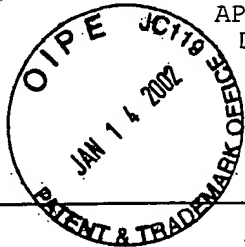
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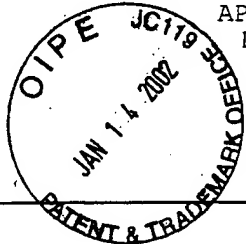
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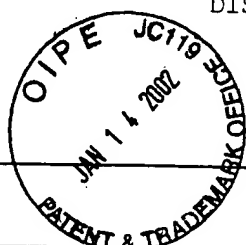
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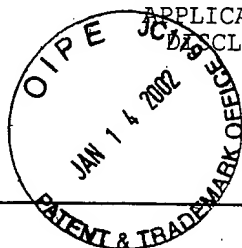
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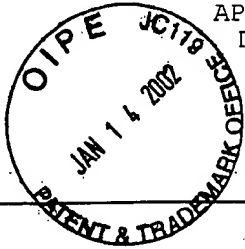
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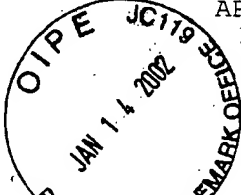
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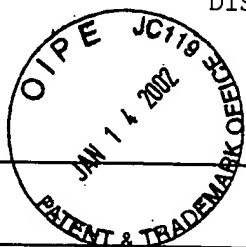
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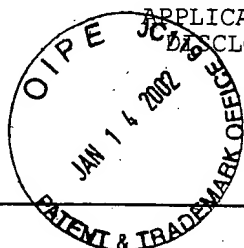
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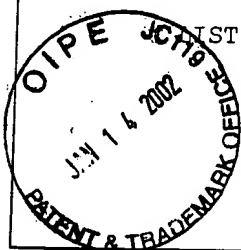
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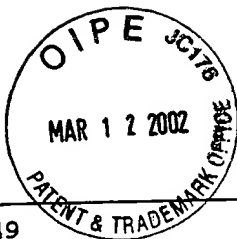
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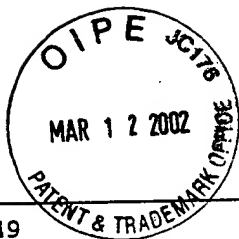
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